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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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This preliminary amendment accompanies the filing of a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) on September 16, 1999.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

At p. 1, line 1, insert the following:

-- This application is a continuation of Serial No. 08/974,186, filed November 18, 1997, which is a divisional of Serial No. 08/577,788, filed December 22, 1995. --

In the claims:

Please cancel without prejudice Claims 45-48 in the prior filed application and add the following new claims:

-- 49. (new) A method of regulating the levels of osteoprotegerin in an animal comprising modifying the animal with a nucleic acid encoding osteoprotegerin.

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